

Nebraska knows what it is, \$4,800, one round trip. It is just as wrong for them to do that as it is wrong for you and I to do all this work for \$4,800. I just want to say to you, if the judges can do that out in the open, heaven forbid behind closed doors, what could they do? It just...I stand here and I am afraid for the State of Nebraska. With a little farm boy like me trying to make things right here with judges and I have all the judges going behind my back on the Final Reading trying to stop it. Why are they trying to stop it? Figure it out for yourselves. Could I give the rest of my time to Senator Ernie Chambers, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I want to speak on LR 235 but what I feel right now is "flabbergastation", there not being such a word but, nevertheless, the feeling I have is a highly unusual feeling for me this morning. The example Senator Von Minden gave is not germane to the issue before us this morning. What we are talking about is whether or not the public has a right to be in on how judges are judged when charges are brought against them alleging some type of misconduct. What you should keep in mind is that this proposition will be put on the ballot and voted on by the people. If the people feel that the secrecy that surrounds judicial qualifications activities now is as it should be, they will vote down the proposition. If, on the other hand, they are upset with the secrecy and the Legislature refuses to allow even a vote, an initiative effort may be put forth that would bring forth something far worse than what is contemplated and encompassed in this particular bill. You know that there is an initiative to require the election of judges. If that gets on the ballot, something that we are talking about here now won't make much difference at all because all judges will then be politicians and they will tell on each other and the tendency to cover for each other may be destroyed through the success of that initiative should it become successful. But this is what I hope you will keep in mind too. This proposition, even if placed on the ballot and adopted by the people, will not put a different body or agency in the position of determining whether a judge should be disciplined. So there are two